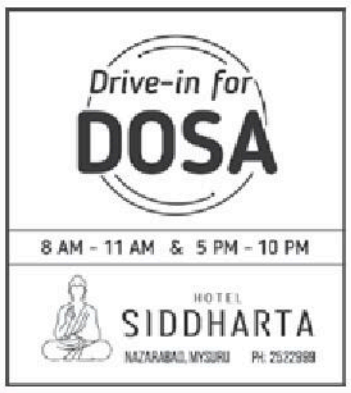

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Colleges ready... but students not yet !

● Hardly 5 percent attendance ● All safety protocol followed ● Free RT-PCR testing goes on

Mysuru, Nov.17 (RK&SSV)- Hardly 5 percent of students turned up to attend offline classes on the first day of re-opening of all Colleges after a gap of eight months. Despite taking all precautions, still the final year students of Under-Graduate (UG) and Post-Graduate (PG) courses preferred to stay away from their institutions, may be due to COVID-19 scare.

"Not many students have come on the first day. The attendance may improve after one or two days," opined Dr. B.P. Dayanand, Principal, Maharani's Science College for Women.

The State Government decided to re-open all Colleges from today (Nov. 17) following guidelines from University Grants Commission (UGC) issued on Nov. 9. Instructions had been given to the management of all the Government and the Private educational institutions to strictly follow the safety protocol in the interest of students and teaching staff.

COVID test results in 24 hours

The Department of Health in coordination with Department of Collegiate Education has organised a free RT-PCR testing for students, teaching and non-teaching staff. The health personnel in PPE kit took the swab samples from them. Results are expected to come within 24 hours. Upon the receipt of result, students will be allowed to attend offline classes.

Last week, the Commissionerate, Health and Family Welfare Department, Bengaluru, had made RT-PCR test compulsory for students, teaching and non-teaching staff and had asked them to undergo it at least three days in advance. Students were asked to attend offline classes only if they tested negative and undergo home quarantine in case they tested positive.

All the College managements have been asked to do sanitisation of the entire building, furniture, entry points, laboratories and teaching equipment.

Permission has not been given to open the canteens and libraries till further orders.

(See COLLEGES on page 6)

No classes for 2 days: VC

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, has said the final year UG and PG classes in all 238 Colleges in four districts which come under the purview of Mysore Varsity, will start from Nov.19.

He told *Star of Mysore* that this decision was taken as a majority of students have not got RT-PCR test report which was must for them to attend offline classes. In view of this, all students have been advised to undergo free test and produce report at the time of coming to College, he added.

Meanwhile, the Varsity authorities have arranged a free test for its teaching and non-teaching staff at their Departments in Manasagangothri campus. Results will be sent to their registered mobile numbers, Prof. Hemanth Kumar said.

Apply online to avail concessional bus pass

Mysuru, Nov.17- Issuance of student bus pass has been made online from current year in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

Accordingly, students need not stand in a serpentine queue in front of the counters to get the passes as this job has been entrusted to College authorities. They can also download application, fill it up, submit at the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) pass issuing counter and get the pass ready after the payment of fees.

In a press release, Dr. Shivayogi C. Kalasad, Managing Director, KSRTC, said this time, applications will not be received manually and students have to fill it up online in 'Seva Sindhu' portal and get it attested by School or College management.

(See PASS on page 6)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	64
Total positive cases	:	49,548
Discharges yesterday	:	170
Total discharges	:	47,833
Deaths yesterday	:	1
Total deaths	:	982
Total active cases	:	733

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 17th November 2020

Special music programme at Ganabharathi on Nov. 19

Dr. Srilatha Raghavendra N.R. Prashanth N. Srinath Dr. Bhaskar Dr. Jyothi

Mysuru, Nov.17- Due to COVID-19 all cultural events had come to a halt. But with a view to keep the cultural lamp burning, Ganabharathi, Mysuru, was organising online music programmes so far.

"During these days of pandemic, nearly 74 programmes involving 200 artistes have gone online from Ganabharathi. Probably good days have set in. We are happy to inform that Ganabharathi will begin its offline programmes from Nov.19 at 6 pm," stated a press release from T.S. Venugopal, Secretary, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru.

"This is a moment of celebration. Offline programmes will be launched symbolically with the performance of Vidwan/Vidushi Dr. R.N. Srilatha, Ballary M. Raghavendra, N.R. Prashanth, N. Srinath, Dr. Bhaskar, Dr. M.A. Jyothi. They will be accompanied by Vidwan/Vidushi Veena Suresh, G.S. Ramanujan, H.L. Shivashankaraswamy, Chandrakumar, M.V. Ajay Kumar, Keshava Mohankumar, Veerabhadraiah Hiremath and Bhima Shankar," the release added and requested the music-lovers to celebrate this joyous moment at 6 pm on that day by taking all essential precautions against COVID-19. For details contact Mob: 99000-82773.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

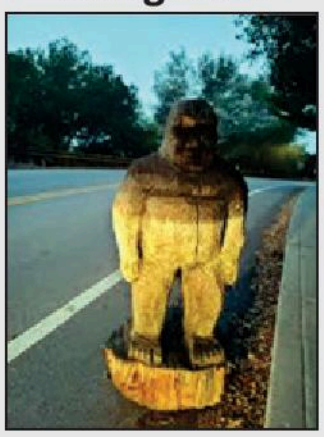
Parents want the very best in the world for their children. They do not mind working very hard and trying beyond their means to pave a wonderful future for their children. They try to motivate their children in many ways. Sometimes, they draw comparisons with a successful child hoping to urge their child to perform similarly or even better. It is during these times that they inadvertently sow negative qualities in the psyches of the young minds. There are other times when they manage to kill interest or develop an aversion towards the set goal.

The problem seems to be as old as mankind itself. A tale from the Ramayana deals with a similar case. Kubera and Ravana, sons of sage Vishravas, were half brothers. When Ravana was a young boy, Kubera the king of Lanka flew in his Pushpaka Vimana to meet his father. Ravana's mother Kaikasi eyed the grandeur and style of her stepson and brought it to her son's notice. In addition to it, she earmarked the prosperity and position of Kubera as a benchmark to be achieved by Ravana. Young Ravana made it his life's ambition to acquire the same. Ravana was accomplished in every way to achieve all that and more with some effort. Instead of trying to work hard and attain a similar summit, Ravana coveted Kubera's place and possessions. He fought tooth and nail to usurp everything that belonged to Kubera. The lord of wealth appealed to his father for intervention. Vishravas felt it exceedingly difficult to make Ravana see good sense. Hence he suggested to Kubera to explore new grounds far far away from Lanka and start afresh from scratch.

Ravana for his part ruled over Lanka, the ill-gotten asset. Kaikasi had goaded her son to tread the unethical path by sowing seeds of jealousy in his psyche. Like Kaikasi parents seldom take into account the side-effects of their erroneous notions of motivation. Though parents think that they are not guilty of partiality, prejudice, unrealistic expectation or comparison most often they are responsible for these very drawbacks. — *S. Radha Prathi in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Stolen bigfoot statue found along road



Scotts Valley: Police officers in the mountains north of Santa Cruz responded to a suspicious figure in a roadway early Thursday and found the stolen statue of the Bigfoot.

"He was a little banged up but will be returned to his rightful place at the Bigfoot Discovery Museum," the Scotts Valley Police Department said in a Facebook post.

The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office had urged people to keep their eyes peeled for the 4-foot-tall (1.2 meters) wooden statue after it was stolen from outside the tiny museum in nearby Felton on Monday.

Howling 'Monster Wolf' robots to scare away wild bears

Takikawa: A Japanese town has deployed robot wolves in an effort to scare away bears that have become an increasingly dangerous nuisance in the countryside.

The town of Takikawa on the northern island of Hokkaido purchased and installed a pair of the robots after bears were found roaming neighborhoods in September.

The so-called 'Monster Wolf' robot consists of a shaggy body on four legs, a blond mane and fierce, glowing-red eyes.

When its motion detectors are activated, it moves its head, flashes lights and emits 60 different sounds ranging from wolfish howling to machinery noises. Machinery maker Ohta Seiki has sold about 70 units of the robot since 2018.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What can I do to improve my memory?

Memory champion ED Cooke has created a website where he shares tips on how to greatly improve memory. Cooke's website and App, Memrise, has helped 1.4 million users to learn languages, Science and History with greater ease. It includes thousands of memory courses and topics to choose from. Website www.memrise.com

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	56
Total positive cases	:	18,005
Total discharges	:	17,324
Total deaths	:	146
Total active cases	:	535

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	6
Total positive cases	:	6,207
Total discharges	:	5,962
Total deaths	:	115
Total active cases	:	119

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	2
Total positive cases	:	5,147
Total discharges	:	4,990
Total deaths	:	64
Total active cases	:	93

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	52
Total positive cases	:	26,444
Total discharges	:	25,400
Total deaths	:	382
Total active cases	:	662

Really...?

- ***There are around 4 quadrillion quadrillion bacteria on Earth: Not all bacteria are bad. In fact, some of those itty-bitty biological cells are actually good for us and aide the world in various and complex ways. And that's nice to know, considering there are around 4 quadrillion quadrillion individual bacteria on our planet, according to NPR.***
- ***South Sudan is the youngest country in the world.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two children are talking.

A: *Meet my new-born brother.*

B: *Oh, he is so handsome! What's his name?*

A: *I don't know. I can't understand a word he says!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.54
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.59
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.29
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.41

VOICE OF THE READER

Cement direction boards crying for attention

Sir,

I am residing at the road situated behind Sai Baba temple, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru. Ours as well as surrounding roads lack direction signboards. As such, new-comers to our area as well as delivery boys, courier boys and others are finding it difficult to locate the address.

Some cement boards are painted in yellow but the details are not updated. Almost all other signboards installed long ago do not have the details as the wordings are either invisible or faded; and some concrete boards are in a dilapidated condition.

Hence, I request the area Corporator as well as the City Corporation authorities personally as well as on behalf of general public, to look into the matter and provide facelift to these 'directionless' boards in our locality and also in surrounding ones at the earliest.

— A. Subramanya
J.P. Nagar
13.11.2020

TCS on sale of Goods: Some Tips

Mysuru, Nov. 17- With the Finance Act 2020, Tax Collection at Source (TCS) on sale of Goods has been introduced by the Government with effect from Oct. 1, 2020 under Section 206 C (1H) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Following are the few tips for TCS:

i) Any seller whose business turnover during the FY 2019-20 exceeds Rs.10 crore shall make TCS.

ii) The tax shall be collected at .1% on such RECEIPTS of sale consideration from a buyer where it exceeds Rs.50 lakh during the financial year. For the purpose of calculation of this threshold of Rs.50 lakh, the receipt from the beginning of the FY, that is from Apr. 1, 2020 shall be taken into account.

iii) TCS shall be applicable only on the amount received on or after Oct. 1, 2020.

iv) TCS shall be made on RECEIPT of SALE PROCEEDS, after sale is taken place, but not on the sale value.

v) Due to COVID-19 pandemic till Mar. 31, 2021, the TCS shall be collected at .075% on such RECEIPT OF PAYMENT.

vi) The TCS shall be remitted on or before 7th of subsequent month by selecting the payment code "6CR-TCS on sale of Goods."

vii) The seller shall file Quarterly TDS statement in FORM 27EQ and issue FORM27D to the buyer from whom such collection of taxes has been made.

viii) The TCS shall be made including the GST and other taxes levied, if any.

ix) No adjustment of TCS on account of sale return or discount or indirect taxes including GST is allowed.

x) Advance received from buyer shall also attract TCS.

xi) If the buyer does not provide PAN, TCS shall be made at 1%.

xii) TCS shall not be made on receipt of sale proceeds from the Central Government, State Government or Local Authority.

xiii) Export of Goods has been exempted from the applicability of this TCS.

xiv) TCS is not an additional tax, it is in the nature of advance Income-Tax like TDS for which the buyer would get the credit against tax liability.

For detailed information, one may refer to the provisions of the Income-Tax Act, 1961, the Income-Tax Rules, 1962, relevant circulars or notifications, according to a press release from N.D. Shreenivaas, Bhavani Associates, Mysuru.

Save one hour exclusively for your own health, says Yoga expert Dr. Manjunath

MGP holds monthly virtual interaction on Yoga for Health

Mysuru, Nov. 17- The Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), Yadavagiri, as part of its monthly virtual interaction programme with its members and public, had invited Dr. Manjunath, Ayurveda Physician and Yogacharya, to present a talk on Yoga for Health. Several members of public including some MGP members actively participated and interacted with him.

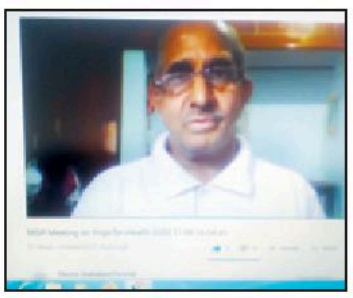
Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Manjunath called Yoga as a way of life and a way to keep good health. Although there are many yoga practices, the Ashtanga Yoga is normally practised by many to understand the body's activities and how best to keep healthy life.

Referring to Maharshi Pathanjali's advice of *Yogaha chithaha vruthi and nirodh,* Dr. Manjunath said that once a person understands himself and his body, he is said to have attained mental and spiritual relief although several thoughts of the past life appear in mind as mere illusion which get gradually controlled by yoga and meditation.

Hata Yoga which is the normal yogasana practised by many brings about a balance in the conflict between the body and mind by streamlining and channelising the mind, the doctor added.

Yogasana has the power not only to prevent spreading of diseases but also eliminates them by blocking the adrenal hormones from growing into the body and increase the heart beats.

He also informed that several researches on the benefits of Yoga have been carried out throughout the world including at NIMHANS in Bengaluru about the control of mind and body. This can be made possible by



change of mind by listening to music, the sound of nature, the sound of water flow in rivers etc.

About the fear psycho situation in COVID-19, after following the Government guidelines for the three safeguards, one can go ahead with yogasanas and spend some time in doing simple exercises as per our body's ability and age to perform and get customised, he advised, as discipline in mind is most important in yoga. This will eliminate any bondages in our mind.

A simple exercise of breath-in and breath-out was conducted for the audience in a sitting posture and advised them to practise for their health. Apart from yogasanas, food habits, sleeping habits and lifestyle are also important to have a healthy body and peaceful mind, he said.

The event concluded with an interaction with the Yogacharya by the participants including Dr. B.V. Shivamurthy, S.V. Raghavendra, C. Aswathanarayana, Pradeep, K.V. Ramanath, Rajasekhar, Dr. Anjaneyamurthy and others.

Dr. Manjunath has worked as a trainer in health and allied sciences in voluntary sector for the past 45 years, both nationally and internationally and has published 43 papers and presented in various fora. He has also worked in Indian High Commission at Mauritius and Indian Embassy at Tashkent as Yoga teacher and cultural Ambassador in these two places for six years.

He has written four books in Kannada called *Mane Maddu.* Teaching Ashtanga Yoga in two schools in Mysuru city, he is an active member of MGP for 25 years. A resident of Vidyaranyapuram, he can be contacted on Mob: 99026-13543, according to a press release from MGP President Dr. B.V. Shivamurthy.

Yoga session at Lokayukta Office

Lokayukta Superintendent of Police (SP) P.V. Sneha and Dy. SP Gangadharswamy along with office staff, took part in the Yogasana session conducted by Seema, Sushma and Kiran of Yoga Shiva Organisation at Lokayukta Office in city on Friday last.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Felicitation

University of Mysore (UoM) has organised a programme on Nov. 18 at 11 am to felicitate retired professor, Department of Studies (DoS) in Chemistry, Prof. K. Basavaiah, who has been named among the top two percent scientists in the world as per a subject-wise analysis conducted by a team of scientists from Stanford University, USA. UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will preside over the event. Registrar Prof. Shivappa and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan will be the chief guests. Chairman, DoS in Chemistry, Prof. Nagaraja Naik, faculty members, research students and others will be present.

MLA adopts Zoo birds

Krishnaraja (KR) MLA and former Minister S.A. Ramdas has adopted two White Peacocks of Mysuru Zoo & two Common Peafowl of Karanji Lake for one year from 16.11.2020 to 15.11.2021, by making a payment of Rs. 14,000, on the occasion of his birthday, according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

Skill Training

RUDSETI, Mysuru, has invited applications from eligible youths in the age group of 18 to 45 years and residents of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts for different skill training programmes — CC Camera Installation & Service - 13-days; Photography & Videography-30 days; Soft Toys making-10 days and Cosmetic Jewellery making- 13 days — to take-up self employment. Training is free with compulsorily residential basis. Call Ph : 0821-2519663 or Mob: 94498-60466.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	123.23 ft
Yesterday	123.31 ft
Inflow	4,693 cusecs
Outflow	5,754 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,277.25 ft
Inflow	405 cusecs
Outflow	2,190 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,847.86 ft
Inflow	104 cusecs
Outflow	1,750 cusecs

Accidental fire destroys materials worth Rs. 6 lakh at godown

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (MK&KS)- An accidental fire has destroyed rubber, aluminium materials and vehicle spare parts at a godown on Dawood Khan Street at Lashkar Mohalla on Sunday evening.

The mishap took place at R.J. Steel Traders, belonging to Riyaz Ahmed, where he had stored rubber and aluminium materials along with spare parts of old vehicles. The loss is estimated at Rs. 6 lakh.

The fire was noticed at about 5.30 pm, which soon engulfed the premises. Riyaz's son Siddiq Pasha immediately informed the Fire Brigade. Soon, more than 20 Fire and Emergency Service personnel from Bannimantap and Saraswathipuram Fire Stations in three fire extinguishing vehicles rushed to the spot, managed to douse the fire in a two hour-long operation and prevented fire from spreading further.

As thick smoke had engulfed the spot, it was difficult for the Fire staff to find way and douse the fire. They also had to refill their vehicles with water 10 times before the fire was finally doused, said District Fire Officer Raju.

Meanwhile, Riyaz Ahmed said that the fire had destroyed rubber and aluminium materials and also spare parts of old vehicles worth about Rs. 5 to Rs. 6 lakh.

Luckily, no one was present in the godown when the mishap took place, he said and added that he had taken a loan from a bank and had invested in the materials, which has been destroyed now besides stating that there was no business since eight months due to COVID-19 pandemic and now, had suffered a huge loss.

Girl's murder and burning case

Periyapatna Police arrest accused, launch hunt to nab accomplice

Periyapatna, Nov. 17 (KS)- Periyapatna Police have arrested a youth on charges of killing a girl and burning her body. They have launched a hunt to nab his accomplice, who helped him in the crime.

Siddaraju

The arrested is Siddaraju of Karalapura village in Nanjangud taluk. The accused had murdered Bhavya (name changed), who is said to be his lover. She was a resident of Hullahalli in the taluk and was working as a typist at an advocate's office.

It is learnt that Bhavya and Siddaraju were in love and as Bhavya began to pressurise him for marriage, Siddaraju, along with his friend Prasanna Kumar of Chamalapura Hundi village, took Bhavya in a car on Nov. 7 afternoon, where they allegedly raped and killed her. On Nov. 8, they took her body in the car and dumped it on the roadside near K.R. Nagar-Ravandur Main Road in Periyapatna Police limits, poured petrol on the body and set it on fire.

Villagers, who saw the body still burning, with the upper portion completely charred, had informed Periyapatna Police. Meanwhile, Bhavya's father had lodged a missing complaint with Hullahalli Police. Later, the Police showed Bhavya's father the photos of the charred body and he identified the body as that of his daughter from the anklets she was wearing.

Based on Bhavya's phone call details, the Police arrested Siddaraju and have interrogated him besides launching a hunt to nab Prasanna Kumar.

Car catches fire near Court Complex

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (YDS&KS)- Members of the public averted a major mishap by extinguishing the car fire in front of City Law Courts Complex here on Sunday morning.

The Ford car belonging to a Tours and Travels company was proceeding in front of the Court Complex on Sunday at about 11 am, when the driver noticed thick smoke and fire emanating from under the bonnet and immediately stopped the car.

The driver got down from the car and called the Fire Station. But the public, who noticed smoke and fire, managed to douse the fire before the Fire personnel arrived, thus averting a major fire mishap.

Gold chain snatched in city

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (YDS&KS)- Bike-borne miscreants have snatched a gold chain of a woman at Kuvempunagar on Sunday.

The victim is Mamatha of Kuvempunagar. She was walking on Gnanajyothi Road in the evening, when two bike-borne miscreants, who came from behind, snatched her 55 grams gold chain and sped away, according to Police. Kuvempunagar Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Pedestrian fatally knocked down by two-wheeler

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (RK&DM)- A 43-year-old pedestrian died after being knocked down by a speeding two-wheeler near JK Tyre on KRS Road yesterday.

Siddaraju (43), son of late Siddashetty and a resident of Ekalavyanagar in city, is the deceased.

Siddaraju was crossing KRS Road near JK Tyre at about 9 pm yesterday, when he was knocked down by a two-wheeler. Siddaraju, who sustained serious head and body injuries, was immediately rushed to K.R. Hospital, where he succumbed to injuries at 3 am early this morning. The two-wheeler rider fled from the spot soon after the accident leaving behind the vehicle, it is learnt.

Siddaraju leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

V.V. Puram Traffic Police have registered a case.

Jilted lover stabs girl

Surrenders to Lakshmipuram Police

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (SPN&KS)- A youth, whose marriage proposal was turned down by his girlfriend allegedly stabbed her with a knife at her house on Dewan's Road in K.R. Mohalla on Sunday morning. The accused later surrendered before the Police.

The accused is Gagan alias Kencha, a resident of Bellikatte Machine Road, near Devaraj Urs Road in Devaraja Mohalla. It is learnt that Gagan and the girl were in love for the past five years, but the girl and her parents had turned down his marriage proposal and the girl had called off their relationship about 15 days ago.

Dejected over this, Gagan, on Sunday morning went to the girl's house and knocked the door. As soon as the girl opened the door, Gagan allegedly stabbed her multiple times injuring her seriously and fled from the spot.

The seriously injured girl has been admitted to a private hospital in city, where her condition is said to be critical.

Hours after the incident, Gagan surrendered before Lakshmipuram Police, who took him into custody and interrogated him. A case has been registered under IPC Section 307 (attempt to murder) against Gagan by Lakshmipuram Police.

Cracker stall owners wrap up business

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (PM&KS)- After conducting moderate business for three days, cracker stall owners, who had opened their outlets at J.K. Grounds in city, began to wrap up their business this morning as the three-day permission to conduct sales concluded on Nov. 16 midnight. Cracker traders, this morning, were seen packing the remaining stocks and shifting the same in vehicles.

Vijikumar, one of the traders, who had set up the stall at J.K. Grounds after obtaining permission from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Fire and Emergency Service Department and the Police, told *SOM* that business was dull yesterday due to rains and added that though there was no roaring business, they had moderate business. He further said that except for confusion pertaining to 'Green Crackers,' they did not face any problems.

Vijikumar said that as the permission to conduct sales ended, they were shifting the remaining stocks, which would be sent back to Sivakasi.

It may be recalled that a large number of cracker stalls were opened at J.K. Grounds, days before *Naraka Chaturdarshi* (Nov. 14), the commencement of *Deepavali* festival, but the sale of crackers has come to a standstill following issuance of a notice to the State Government by the High Court (HC) on the grounds that it had not defined what a 'Green Cracker' is, in its recent order on sale and use of crackers. The HC had observed that the Government Order was ineffective as it has not bothered to lay down meaning of 'Green Crackers.'

Following the developments, the authorities had locked the main gate of J.K. Grounds where stalls were setup to sell crackers and Police were posted at the main gate to prevent people from entering the ground to buy firecrackers.

It was only after a clear picture on 'Green Crackers' arrived, the main gate of J.K. Grounds was opened and cracker traders were allowed to conduct business only after taking a written undertaking from the traders that the firecrackers sold by them were 'Green Crackers.'

Financial aid: Calling minority communities

Mysuru, Nov. 17- The Karnataka Minority Development Corporation (KMDC) Ltd. has invited online applications from eligible persons belonging to Minority communities such as Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Jain, Buddhist, Anglo Indian and Parsi, for availing loans and subsidies under various welfare schemes for the year 2020-21.

Under the self-employment scheme, the beneficiaries can avail loan up to Rs. 1 lakh, with 50 percent subsidy. Small and Micro farmers can avail loans up to Rs. 2 lakh under Ganga Kalyana Scheme for digging of borewells.

Occupational workers can avail loans of Rs. 25,000 and Rs. 50,000 for pursuing their vocation under Sharmashakti Scheme.

Under the Micro Credit Scheme for Self Help Groups (SHGs), members of SHGs can avail loan of Rs. 10,000 with Rs. 5,000 as subsidy. Under the Animal Husbandry Promotion Scheme, women from rural areas can avail loan of Rs. 40,000 for cattle, sheep rearing, poultry farming etc.

Under the Minorities Welfare Scheme, the beneficiaries can avail loan up to Rs. 1 lakh, with Rs. 50,000 as subsidy.

Also, Rs. 4.5 lakh to Rs. 7 lakh will be extended as loan to the beneficiaries for purchase of Taxis/ Goods Vehicles in association with Banks, with a maximum subsidy of Rs. 75,000.

Under the House Construction Loan Scheme, the beneficiaries will be extended loan up to Rs. 1 lakh with rate of Interest at 4 percent.

Under the Automobile Service Loan Scheme, the beneficiaries will be extended loans ranging from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh, with a maximum subsidy of Rs. 1.25 lakh.

Under the Micro Lending Scheme, only poor women in the age group of 25 to 50 years from Minority communities having BPL cards, who are facing a lot of hardship due to loss of income on account of COVID-19 crisis, can avail a working capital of Rs. 10,000 along with subsidy for running small businesses.

The applicants for all the above loan and subsidy schemes should be aged between 18 and 45-55 years, with annual income not exceeding Rs. 81,000 for applicants from rural areas and Rs. 1,03,000 for applicants from urban areas.

The last date to apply online is Dec. 10. The applications can be filed on KMDC website: *www.kmdc.kar.nic.in/loan/login.aspx* and a printout of the filled-in application, along with other relevant documents, must be submitted at the office of the District Manager, Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation, First Floor, Maulana Azad Bhavan, next to Shobha Garden, Mysuru-Bengaluru Main Road, Subhashnagar, Mysuru, **before Dec. 21.**

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2430080 or log on: *https://kmdcmicro.karnataka.gov.in/*

Bank Puttaswamy's group gains upper hand in City Co-operative Bank polls

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (SBD&DM)- The group, led by the Bank's Immediate Past President M. Puttaswamy (Bank Puttaswamy), gained upper hand in the election to the City Co-operative Bank's Board of Directors, in the polls held on Sunday. The City Co-operative Bank is located on Sri Harsha Road in the heart of the city.

The polling that took place at Dasara Exhibition Grounds, saw only 10,786 out of the 21,275 voters cast their ballots. The Bank, established in 1910, has over 22,000 members, with 21,275 of them eligible to vote.

Bank Puttaswamy

S.B. Shiva

N. Dhruvaraj

A total of 37 candidates had contested for 13 post of Directors for the five year term 2020-25. The group led by Puttaswamy had contested for 10 posts and succeeded in winning six posts.

The opponent group, led by former Corporator N. Dhruvaraj, which had contested seven posts, succeeded in winning three of them. The winners, in the order of the number of votes secured are as follows:

General category: S.B. Shiva (5,655 votes), N. Dhruvaraj (5,522), M.N. Swarup (4,675), V. Madhu (4,551), M. Puttaswamy (4,075), Prasanna N. Lakshman (3,953) and Dinesh M. Venkatalingaiah (3,813); **SC seat:** Jayakumar (3,156); **ST seat:** S. Swamy (2,265), **Backward Class-A category:** M.K. Ashok (2,832) and J. Prakash (Kurubarahalli Prakash) (2,584), **Women's seats:** Hema (4,632) and former Mayor Pushpalatha T.B. Chikkanna (3,212).

Among the winners, M. Puttaswamy, Kurubarahalli Prakash, Prasanna N. Lakshman, Dinesh M. Venkatalingaiah, Jayakumar and Pushpalatha T.B. Chikkanna belonged to the Puttaswamy group, while Druvaraj, Madhu and Swarup belonged to the group led by former Corporator N. Dhruvaraj.

The polling to elect 13 members to the Board of Directors for a five-year term (2020-25) took place from 9 am to 4 pm on Sunday and the counting of votes was taken up an hour later. The results were declared late in the evening.

Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies K.S. Harish Kumar was the Returning Officer.

Swarup

Madhu

Prasanna

Dinesh

Jayakumar

Swamy

Ashok

Prakash

Hema

Pushpalatha

Apply online for bus pass

Maharani's College students avail the city bus service today.

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Then they can go to the counter at the bus stand to collect the pass after payment of prescribed fee. The students are also given the option of filling up applications online, get print of the same, pay prescribed fee at their respective educational institutions and get it signed by the authorities concerned.

Filled in applications are collected by the College authorities and sent to the designated counters where the passes are issued. This will prevent the students from standing in the queue.

Plans are afoot to make provision for online payment in 'Seva Sindhu' and it will be notified once it is done, the release stated.

He said SC and ST students must compulsorily enclose the copy of caste certificate number at the time of filling up application online. The concessional bus passes are issued for ten months for other students and 12 months for ITI candidates.

Details of bus pass seekers must be sent before 5th of every month. A processing fee of Rs. 100 will be charged for each student. Besides, Rs.5 towards accident relief fund monthly from each student. However, the bus pass is free for SC and ST students but they have to pay only towards processing fee and accident relief fund.

As per the Government Order, students who are already having the bus pass, can use it till it was renewed. Instructions have been given to all KSRTC bus drivers and conductors not to insist on the new or renewed ones due to delay in re-opening of Colleges following COVID-19 pandemic. This rule is applicable both in city and rural bus service.

Students Bus Pass Fee for 2020-21

Sl. No.	Type of Pass	Duration	Pass Amount (Rs)		Total Pass Amount (Rs) (including PC+ARF)*	
			General Students	SC/ST Students	General Students	SC/ST Students
1	Primary School	10 Months	Free	Free	150	150
2	High School (Boys)	10 Months	600	Free	750	150
3	High School (Girls)	10 Months	400	Free	550	150
4	PUC / Degree / Diploma	10 Months	900	Free	1,050	150
5	ITI	12 Months	1,150	Free	1,310	160
6	Professional Courses	10 Months	1,400	Free	1,550	150
7	Evening College / Ph.D Scholars	10 Months	1,200	Free	1,350	150

(*including PC- Processing Charges and ARF - Accident Relief Fund)

Colleges ready...

but students not yet !

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GUIDELINES FOLLOWED

As per the Government directives, only one entry point was opened at Maharani's College for Girls by closing down all other gates. Each student was allowed inside after thermal screening. Of the total 700-plus students, hardly 5 percent of them turned up on the first day. Before the commencement of classes, Dr. Dayanand, Principal of Maharani's Science College, informally asked all students to strictly wear face masks and to maintain social distancing. They were asked to bring food and hot water from home and not to share with others.

The situation was no better at Maharani's Arts College for Women with hardly 60 of the total 673 students attending the classes. A majority of students underwent a free RT-PCR test in the premises since they did not get it tested three days ago. Instead of taking classes within the four walls, the wooden tables-benches had been put outside under the canopy where each student was made to sit on one bench. "The number of students is expected to improve once they get confidence of precaution being taken by us," he added.

Similar scenes were witnessed at all the Government and Private Colleges like D. Banumaiah, Maharani's Commerce and Management Degree College, B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences, Yuvaraja's, St.Philomena's and JSS Colleges.

TAKE PRECAUTION: DIST. MINISTER

Meanwhile, Co-operation and District Minister S.T. Somashekar has appealed to the students to take all precautions while going to Colleges in view of COVID-19 pandemic. He has asked them to follow all the safety norms like wearing masks and maintaining social distancing besides washing hands with sanitiser frequently.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR QUARANTINE

The District Administration is readying a place to house those students who test positive for Coronavirus for the mandatory 10-12 day quarantine instead of sending them back to their houses.

An Officer of Health Department said this decision was taken at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri in view of re-opening of Colleges from today. She has asked the COVID Care Centres to reserve a few beds for the College students if they test positive in RT-PCR test.

The DC has opined it was risky to send back those students to houses fearing chances of spreading to others or to keep them in hostels. Better will be to put them in quarantine till they recovered, he added.

STUDENTS HAPPY

"We are very happy to attend offline classes in our College after eight months. We were facing problem of internet in villages and voice was not audible. Now we get the opportunity to interact with our teachers."

— D.K. Anusha, D.S. Ashwini and Seema, B.Sc final year students of Maharani's Science College.

Parents drop students

Most of the students, who attended offline classes today, were dropped in two-wheelers or four-wheelers by their parents. As a precaution, they preferred travelling in own vehicles than taking public transport like city buses.

Huthri Fest

on Nov. 30

Madikeri, Nov. 17- Huthri, the harvest festival of Kodagu district and one of the major festivals of Kodavas, will be celebrated on Nov.30.

The date was fixed at Padi Shri Igguthappa Temple at Kakkabbe in Napoklu, at a meeting of the Temple Management Committee held on Sunday. The rituals will take place on Nov. 30 at Igguthappa temple as per the astrological guidance of Ammanageri Kaniyara Shashikumar.

As per tradition, Huthri festival will be first celebrated in Igguthappa temple premises on that day. *Nere Kattuva* ritual will take place in the district at 7.45 pm and *Kadu Yedupa* (reaping of new paddy crop) at 8.45 pm, following which *Thambittu prasadam* distribution will take place at 9.45 pm.

On Nov.29, the day prior to Huthri festival, the annual Kaladcha festival will be celebrated at Igguthappa temple.

Temple Devotees Association President Kandanda Joyappa, Igguthappa Temple Management Committee President Bachamanda Lava Chinnappa and others were present.

CM announces formation of Veerashaiva-Lingayat Development Corporation

Bengaluru, Nov. 17- Three days after the Government said that it would constitute Maratha Development Authority, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, this morning, announced the formation of Karnataka Veerashaiva-Lingayat Development Corporation with immediate effect.

The Chief Minister has issued an order dated Nov. 17, 2020 in this regard.

Vasan Eye Care Founder Dr. A.M. Arun no more

Mysuru, Nov. 17- Dr. A.M. Arun (52), Founder of Tamil Nadu-based Vasan Eye Care, which runs Vasan Eye Care Hospital at Lakshmipuram in Mysuru, passed away in Chennai on Monday. According to reports, Dr. Arun suffered a massive cardiac arrest on Monday following which he was rushed to a private hospital in Chennai, where he was pronounced dead.

Counselling begins for promotee Principals

The lecturers, who got promoted as Principals recently, were greeted by Dr. T.R. Siddaraju, Principal, Maharaja's PU College, at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner this morning.

Mysuru, Nov.17 (LNY&SSV)- Online counselling for placement for 240 lecturers who were promoted as Principals recently, began in city this morning.

Dr. T. R. Siddaraju, Principal of Maharaja's PU College, said the counselling has started at the Deputy Commissioners' Office across the State and it is expected to be completed by this evening. As many as 240 lecturers got promotion as Principals three months ago, but the counselling could not take place due to COVID-19. The counselling began this morning at 10:30 am in which 80 lecturers got postings. The second round of counselling began at 1:30 pm and all the candidates will get postings of their choice depending upon the seniority list.

He said all the promotees will get posting as over 260 Principal posts are vacant. In Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts, 32 posts are vacant and there is equal number of lecturers who got promotion as Principals.

Letter of posting will be issued to the selected candidates by today evening. They will be relieved from their respective colleges in two days, he added.

National Library Week celebrations launched

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (RKB&DM)- The National Library Week (Nov. 14 to 20) celebrations formally began in city this morning, with noted writer Dr. Hirimarali Dharmaraj launching the event at the People's Park Library in Nazarbad here.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Dharmaraj said that a human has kinds of hunger — one is physical, that is the need for food and the other, mental, that is the zest for knowledge.

Observing that knowledge has the strength to destroy all evils, he highlighted the importance of acquisition of knowledge by visiting libraries and reading books.

Calling upon the students not to unnecessarily waste their precious time by wandering about, he advised them to visit Libraries whenever possible and keep themselves updated with the latest developments going on in the world. He also asked the students to make best use of the Digital Library System.

Akshaya Ahara Foundation's H.R. Rajendra, who was one of the chief guests on the occasion, said that Libraries are a close friend of humans.

Pointing out that the Library is like a pool of hundreds of knowledgeable friends, he said that Library is a treasure trove of knowledge and visiting it will bring freshness to the mind.

Highlighting the objectives of his Foundation, he asked the people not to waste food. He also appealed the general public to join hands with the Foundation for feeding the hungry.

Writer Kavi Sridhar, Assistant Librarian Nethravathi, Library Assistant Vijaykumar and others were present.

At DIET

Organisation of a virtual meet on the topic 'The significance of Libraries' marked the National Library Week at DIET (District Institute of Education and Training) in Nazarbad here.

The one-hour meet, jointly organised by the Department of Libraries, DIET and Extension Centre, was virtually addressed by Dr. Jayakumar, Senior Librarian, Government First Grade College, Chamarajanagar and was telecast live through a Google link. Deputy Director of Libraries B. Manjunath and others were present.

Showering of petals on the portrait of *Padma Shri* Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, the doyen of Library Movement in India and popularly known as the Father of Indian Library Science, marked the Library Week celebration at the City Central Library on Sayyaji Rao Road.

Corporator Nagaraj and others were present.

The Week is also being celebrated at all other Library branches across the city.

OBITUARY

Sri. C. Ramakumar (82 years)
Retired NCC
Residing at Saraswathipuram, Mysore
Has attained the heavenly abode on 14th November 2020.
Deeply mourned by :
Family Members Mob : 9448054436

DJ Halli violence: Former Congress Mayor held

Sampath Raj

Bengaluru, Nov. 17 (UNI)- Former Mayor and Congress Corporator, Sampath Raj, who was absconding since Aug. 11 after violence in which four people died and created terror in public, was nabbed in the city by CCB sleuths, who are investigating the case.

Police said on Tuesday that Sampath Raj was on the run for over a month to evade arrest after violence in KG Halli and DJ Halli area in the city.

He was arrested from his hideout in Benson Town in North Bengaluru on Monday late night by a team headed by Assistant Commissioner of Police (ATC), CCB, Venugopal. Sandeep Patil, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), confirmed his arrest and said, further details would be shared after questioning him.

On Nov. 7, Police had arrested Riyazuddin, the aide of Sampath, on charges of helping him escape by taking him to a farmhouse near Nagarahole and providing him shelter. Sampath had escaped from there before the Police reached the farmhouse.

Another accused Corporator, Abdul Rakeeb Zakir, was also hiding in the same farmhouse.

Recently, the High Court had directed the CCB sleuths to take all the measures to arrest Sampath Raj. The CCB officials are questioning Sampath Raj about his mysterious disappearance from a private hospital in Hebbal where he was admitted for treatment against COVID-19. According to the hospital discharge summary, he was discharged on Oct. 14.

Though ACP Venugopal had instructed hospital authorities to inform him about Sampath's discharge, they had failed to alert the Police.

Sampath was earlier interrogated twice by CCB officials and his mobile phone was seized. Based on his statement and findings during the investigation, CCB officials have already filed the charge sheet in the riots case and have mentioned the role of Sampath, especially in torching the house of Akhanda Srinivas Murthy, MLA of Pulikeshi Nagar constituency.

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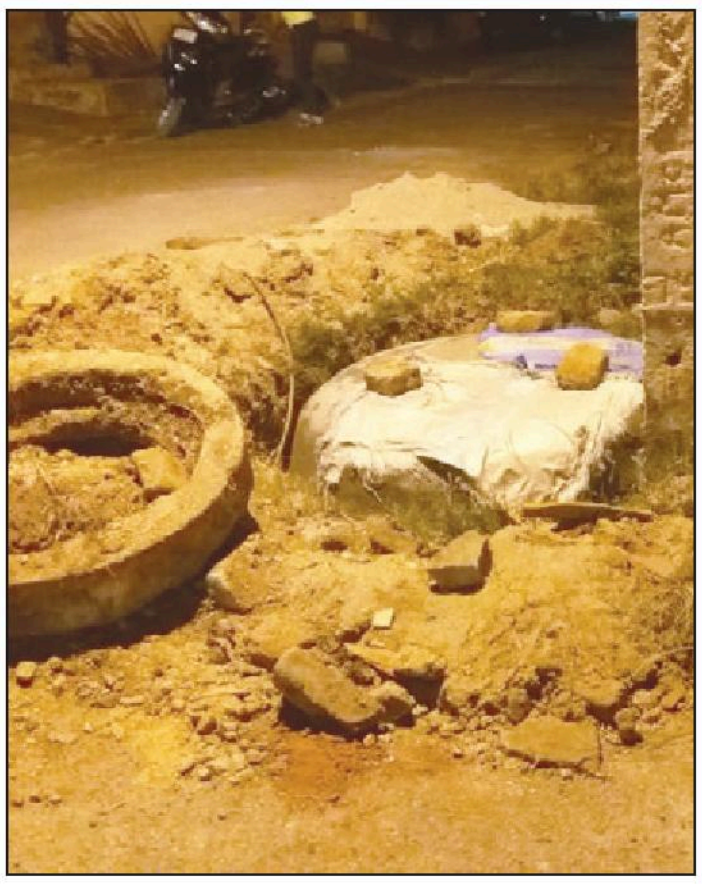
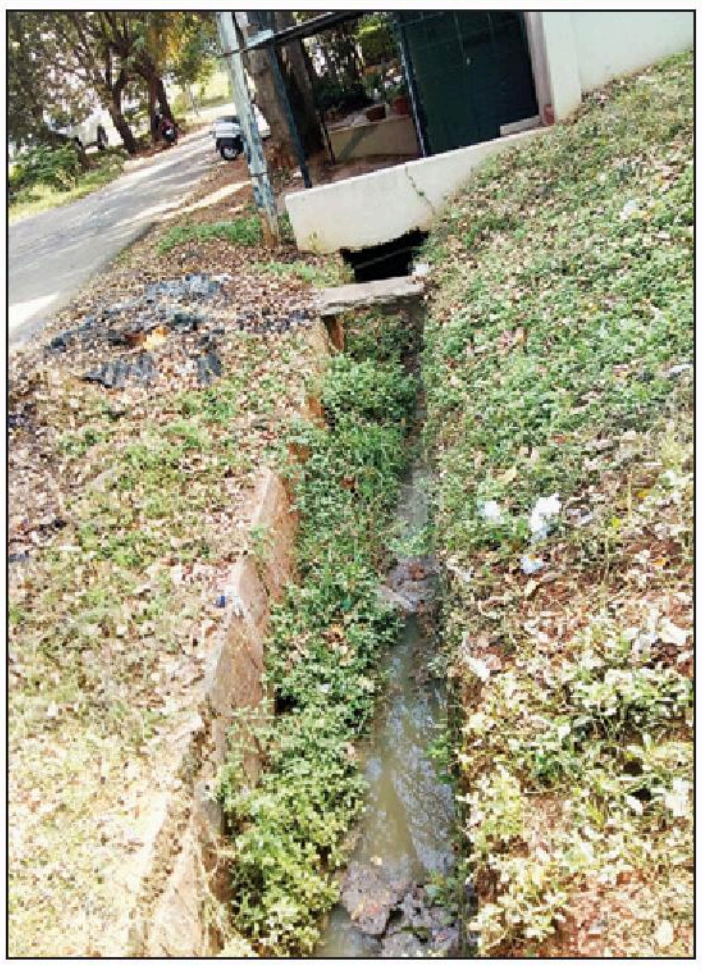
Plea to expedite manhole works at N.R. Mohalla



Manhole work, which was started about three weeks ago near Ambabhavani Temple at N.R. Mohalla 10th Cross, is not yet completed and the debris dumbed around it is causing inconvenience to the public, allege residents, who have urged the authorities concerned to get the work completed at the earliest.

Sewage line connected to storm water drain at Vijayanagar



A sewage line is connected to a storm water drain that passes in front of houses on the 10th Main Road, near RK Corner in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage and is emanating foul smell causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents. Residents alleged that though the matter was brought to the notice of the local elected representative, no action has been taken till date. The residents have once again urged the authorities concerned to solve the problem at the earliest.

Rs. 70 crore needed to re-build Devaraja Market

Soil Bearing Capacity test conducted; Reveals presence of a variety of soil

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (MK&SSV)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has to spend an estimated Rs. 70 crore to re-build the iconic Devaraja Urs Market in city.

A portion of the market caved-in a few years ago purportedly due to lack of maintenance. Since then there has been a raging debate whether the fallen portion should be rebuilt or the whole structure has to be demolished to have a new structure.

Citizens concerned towards the protection of heritage buildings in the city have been pressurising the State Government to take up the repair works of the caved-in portion instead of building a new structure. This had necessitated the MCC to go in for the soil testing to know the condition of existing structure before taking any decision.

Accordingly, the Soil Bearing Capacity (SBC) test was conducted at National Institute of Engineering (NIE) by taking the soil samples from three different places on Aug. 21. The test has revealed presence of a variety of soil. According to the report, there is soft stone (hard soil) behind Bombay Tiffanys near Dhanvantri Road, loose soil near Auto Stand and plenty of underground water at the Market entrance near Dufferin Clock Tower.

C. Manjunath, Development Officer, Zone No. 6 of MCC, told *Star of Mysore:* "there will be no problem for the market re-construction where there is hard soil. But they have to take precaution where there is loose soil and water point. This may cause an additional expenditure of 20 percent to 30 percent. First and foremost, they need to strengthen the loose soil spot and construct a drain to drain out the underground water. The work will take more time because of the varieties of soil and huge volume of water found underneath."

He said that a proposal to re-build the Market will be sent to the State Government for approval. Once it was okayed, the Corporation had to take up the soil testing in other places too as the type of soil is varying from one place to another, he added.

We need at least Rs. 70 crore to rebuild Devaraja Market. Already, members of Heritage Committee have given the nod for re-building it. Now, Soil Bearing Capacity (SBC) report has revealed hidden problems at some places and they required additional funds to take up the work against all these odds. A detailed report including SBC report and revised estimate will be submitted to the State Government.

—Gurudatta Hegde, Commissioner, MCC

Consumption of tobacco products banned in public places: ADC

Warns of penalising violators

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (RKB&KS)- Following complaints of consumption of tobacco products in public places and illegal sale of it and also conducting raids and imposing fines had decreased since seven to eight months following COVID-19 pandemic. But from Nov. 12 (today), Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. B.S. Manjunatha Swamy has instructed the officials concerned to enforce the ban on consumption of tobacco products in public places strictly.

Chairing the National Tobacco Control Programme's Quarterly Progress Review Meeting at the DC's Office recently, the ADC instructed the officials of the Police Department, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Tahsildars and Municipal Councils to impose fines on those found consuming tobacco products and liquor in the premises of Government Offices and public places.

District Tobacco Advisor Shivakumar, speaking on the occasion, said that there is a Government order asking every Panchayat Officer to register 20 COTPA (Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act) cases every month and asked the officials to take necessary action in this regard.

Pointing out that every Police Station should book cases under Sections 5, 7, 8 and 9 of COTPA every month, he informed that the monthly report should be submitted to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner and District Tobacco Control Cell.

Stating that the Police Department should co-operate with the Health Department to make Mysuru a tobacco-free city, he urged the ADC to take stringent action against black marketers and tobacco products sold without health warnings.

District Surveillance Officer of the Health Department Dr. Shivaprasad, who too spoke, said that Chamundi Hill should be made tobacco-free and added that steps should be taken to prevent carrying of tobacco products, liquor and plastics to the Hill. He suggested officials to inspect those visiting Hill Temple through steps and also those coming by their vehicles.

Craze for luxury cars catching up in Tier-II cities

A study by city Research Scholar

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Did you say Tier-II people cannot afford luxury cars? Then you are wrong. A Ph.D thesis done by a Mysurean has revealed that the capacity of people in Tier-II cities to buy high-end cars has increased due to various factors. This means, manufacturers of luxury cars must now consider Tier-II cities while opening showrooms and the rural population cannot be taken for granted.

S. Darshan, a Research Scholar of Mysuru, was passionate about cars since his childhood days. He never knew that one day he will do thesis in his favourite subject and get the Ph.D degree from the University of Mysore.

Had his Research Guide not encouraged him, Darshan would not have pursued seriously Ph.D in his pet subject under the title *"Buying behaviour of luxury cars - A study of price and brand-conscious buyers in selected cities of Karnataka."*

Darshan has 11 years of teaching experience. He started his teaching career at St.Philomena's College where he worked for one-and-a-half-years. Formerly a faculty in the Department of Management at Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT), Mysuru, now Darshan, an Assistant Professor, is a Visiting faculty at SJCE and Maharaja's First Grade College, Mysuru.

According to Darshan, consumer buying behaviour also

S. Darshan

differs for same car under conditions like new car launch in market and purchase of second-hand cars. Customers have now changed their attitude that yesterday's luxuries are today's necessities.

His study has focused on identification of factors influencing customer preferences for particular segment of cars. There is a conflict between price and brand-conscious buyers in purchase of luxury cars with respect to Metropolitan, Tier-I and Tier-II cities.

"I wanted to evaluate sources that influence consumers' purchase decision of luxury cars, conception towards it, whether they are price-conscious or brand-conscious and what can manufacturers do to attract prospective buyers," he told *SOM*.

Five luxury brands — BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Volvo and Range Rover — were selected and initiated study in four cities — Bengaluru (a Metropolitan City), Mysuru, Hassan and Mandya (a mixture of Tier-I and Tier-II cities). As many as 380 respondents were considered for the study.

The study showed that out of 380 respondents in Bengaluru, 25 percent of 255 respondents are using Audi, 29 percent are using Mercedes-Benz, 37 percent BMW, four percent Range Rover and 4 percent owned Volvo.

In Mysuru, of the total 106 respondents, 33 percent use Audi, 30 percent Benz, 33 percent BMW, 2 percent Range Rover and 2 percent Volvo.

In Hassan, out of 11 respondents, 18 percent of the respondents own Audi, 18 percent Benz, 36 percent BMW, 18 percent Range Rover and 9 owned percent Volvo cars.

In Mandya, out of 8 respondents, 24 percent use Audi, 25 percent Benz, 25 percent BMW, 13 percent Range Rover and 13 percent Volvo.

The study found that majority of respondents used BMW (33%) while 26% used Benz. The number of users of BMW and Benz are more than other brands and it can be said that majority of the respondents have liked the brand from their own perspective.

Darshan said many respondents in Tier-II cities buy luxury cars not bothering about its mileage, interiors or look but only out of ego. If a neighbour or friend buys high-end car, another person will buy the same car with more features or high-end than that model to show he too was on par with him. No matter, whether rural roads suit these luxury cars but they will go for it.

"A farmer owned a piece of land on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road. His land was bought by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for 10-lane project. He got good amount as compensation and out of that money, a little portion was spent on setting up a dairy plant and also on luxury car," Darshan cited in his study.

The study also revealed that women like flashy colour cars and understanding their taste, the car manufacturers were coming out with different shades and colours.

Gone are the days of husbands selecting cars for wives. Now, women buy what brand, colour or style she wanted and do not depend on their hubbies, he remarked.

Doctor Darshan, I presume?

Dr. S. Darshan received his Ph.D degree during the Centenary Convocation of University of Mysore on Oct. 19 from Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan and Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar. He worked under the guidance of Dr. Y.T. Krishne Gowda, Principal, Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT), Mysuru.

Son of M. Sadanand, an agricultuirist and Sujatha, a home-maker, Darshan is a resident of 100 ft. Road in city. He is married to Divya, who runs a Pre-School in Lakshmipuram. The couple is blessed with two children Tanvesh and Jiya.

High-end cars at Hunsur Hamlet

Pakshirajapura is a small hamlet in Hunsur Taluk of Mysuru District. It is located 41 kms towards west from the District Head Quarters. The uniqueness of this hamlet is that a majority of the Hakki-Pikki forest tribals, who reside in the hamlet, own high-end and swanky cars. *[Pic. by Hunsur Raghu]*

WORD OF THE DAY

Satisfice

Pronunciation: sat-is-fahys.
Meaning: To choose or adopt the first satisfactory option that one comes across.
Origin: It is easiest to take the verb satisfice, "to choose or adopt the first satisfactory option, select or pursue the minimum satisfactory result" as a blend of satis(fy) and (suf)fice. Satisfice contrasts with optimise, "to make as effective or useful as possible; make the best of." A quote from the International *New York Times* shows this usage well: "Big business executives don't really try to maximise profits but 'satisfice'— that is, they try to make enough profit to keep stockholders and boards of directors happy without bringing the wrath of government regulators, consumer groups or business competitors down on them." Satisfice, originally a northern English colloquialism, entered English in the first half of the 16th century.
Example: Most people fall somewhere in the middle. A person can maximise when it comes to some decisions and satisfice on others. Elizabeth Bernstein, "How You Make Decisions Says A Lot About How Happy You Are," Wall Street Journal, October 6, 2014.

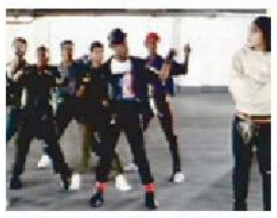
THE ODD WORD

Salariat

Salary-earning class collectively.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

One sandwich short of a picnic



Meaning: A jokey, colloquial term for stupid.
Origin: There are many phrases of the form 'an X short of a Y'. These all mean the same thing, that is, the person being spoken of is stupid. The 'short of' insult began in Australia and New Zealand in the mid 19th century; for example, Colonel Godfrey Mundy's Our Antipodes, 1852: "The climate is productive of chronic diseases rather than acute ones. Let no man having, in colonial phrase, 'a shingle short' try this country. He will pass his days in Tarban Creek Asylum." Of course, shingles are wooden tiles and many of these phrases refer to having something loose or missing 'up top' - 'a few slates missing', 'a screw loose' etc.
'A sandwich short of a picnic' is fairly recent. The first citation of it that has been documented is from the BBC's Lenny Henry Christmas Special, December 1987.
In that, Henry performed I'm Mad, a spoof song and dance routine written by Kim Fuller and others. This aped Michael Jackson's 1983 hit Bad. Henry, in a straitjacket, sings 'I'm mad, I'm mad', while the backing vocalists sing:
He's mad, mad, one brick short of a load
He's mad, mad, one sandwich short of a picnic

QUOTE BOX

Life is a picnic on a precipice. — **W.H. Auden**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

TRAVELING
CCCCCCCCCC

Answer: Overseas travel.

SUDOKU

		5				1		9
		8			9			6
	9		5	7				
		1		6	8			
4								8
			2	4		5		
				1	4		3	
6			3			8		
8		2				7		

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	2	6	7	4	3	5	9
9	5	3	1	2	8	7	4	6
6	7	4	3	9	5	2	1	8
2	4	1	5	3	6	8	9	7
7	6	9	4	8	2	1	3	5
5	3	8	9	1	7	6	2	4
3	2	6	8	5	9	4	7	1
4	9	7	2	6	1	5	8	3
1	8	5	7	4	3	9	6	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

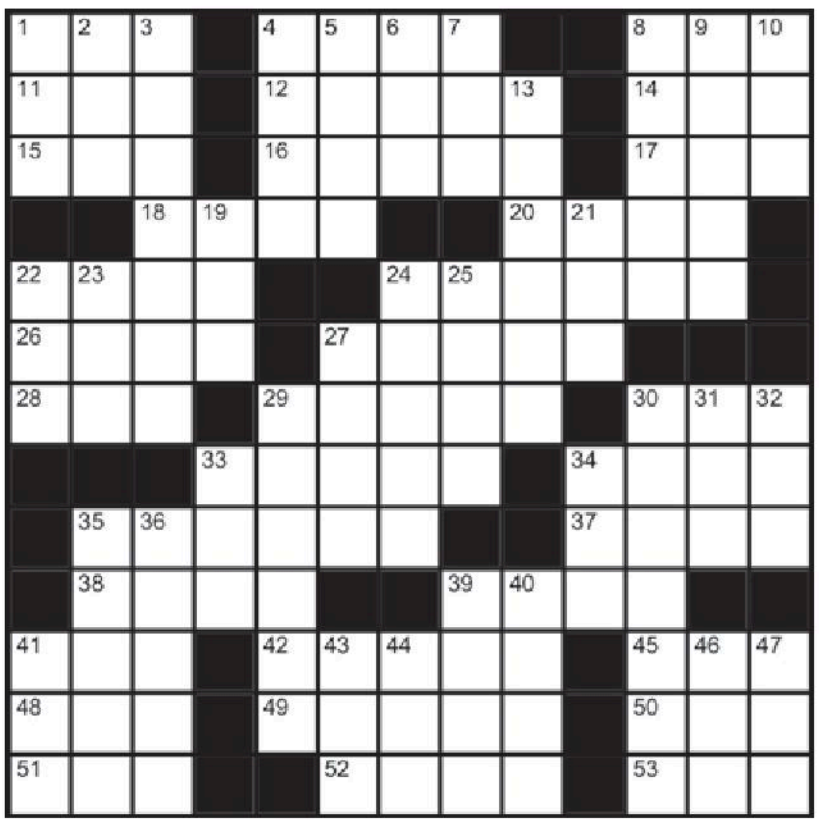
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Recede
4 "We on" for a change for a man?
8 Hydrotherapy site
11 Required Time of Arrival
12 Radius, ulna, etc.
14 Bother
15 Bollywood's Raja __ Rank
16 Of time long past
17 Constricting snake
18 Ball game
20 African antelope
22 One bit of foliage
24 Umbrella
26 Leave out
27 Gives up, lets go or abandons
28 Large cask
29 Having a healthy reddish look
30 Colour of communism
33 Tires out (slang usage)
34 Of or at low temperature
35 Famous spinach consumer
37 Powdery dirt
38 Puts down
39 Like or similar
41 Pakistan
42 Of a city
45 Flop
48 Music director Malik
49 "A ship" anagram for a soldier?
50 Prefix for "dermis" or "center"
51 Thirteenth letter of Hebrew alphabet
52 Fog
53 Mil. award

SUNDAY'S ANSWER

S	S	E			O	D	D		D	A	W	N
H	U	N			P	E	A		I	C	A	N
E	N	T	H	R	A	L	S		S	E	R	E
		W	E	A	L	T	H	I	E	S	T	
K	N	I	T	S		A	I	D	A			
E	E	N					N	O	S	E	S	
W	H	E	L	P	S		G	L	E	A	N	S
	A	D	E	L	E				R	U	T	
			A	U	L	D		G	O	T	B	Y
	B	A	N	G	L	A	D	E	S	H		
C	O	R	D		I	D	E	N	T	I	F	Y
D	Y	K	E		N	A	L			N	O	E
U	S	S	R		G	R	E			G	E	T

DOWN
1 Period of history
2 British Thermal Unit, in short
3 Advantageous purchase
4 Ancient Greek coin
5 Animal that hunts as a member of a pack
6 Opposite of start
7 Maiden-name
8 Roman prophetess
9 Document authorising person to vote on behalf of another?
10 Also know as, in short?
13 Snobbish
19 Frequently
21 "Treasure Island" monogram
22 Destiny
23 Large bird
24 Move very slightly
25 Frees or relieves from
27 A wharf or a pier
29 Kind of monkey or blood type
30 Circled past
31 Electronic Library Sys.
32 Commonly used insecticide
33 Secret agent?
34 Course Deviation Indicator
35 Flat surface
36 Loose rope fibre
39 Sounds of satisfaction
40 Fashion with needles
41 Shriver of tennis
43 Rev. per min.
44 Rani Laxmi ___ : the freedom loving queen?
46 Bull periods
47 Indistinct



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Y XGQN OALEUEWE AP WBHVIH MHQEALE OZAEHL

WA KHOUKH BZA ZYE WZH DHWWHQ VYBNHQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS T

Sunday's Cryptoquip: One day, in retrospect, the years of struggle will strike you as the most beautiful.

SKYWATCH

Meteor Showers to light up the night sky this month

The sky-gazers and amateur astronomers can see the astounding Leonid Meteor Showers lighting up the night sky this month. A meteor, sometimes called a 'shooting star,' can be the brightest object in the night sky, yet meteoroids are the smallest bodies in the Solar System that can be observed by eye.

Wandering through space, perhaps as debris left behind by a Comet, meteoroids which enter the Earth's atmosphere are heated by friction, and for a few seconds streak across the sky as a meteor with a glowing trail.

A brilliant meteor, called a fireball, may weigh many kilograms, but even a meteor weighing less than a gram can produce a beautiful trail. Some of these visitors from space are large enough to survive their trip through the atmosphere and impact the ground as meteorites. Fireballs are sometimes followed by trails of light that persist for up to 30 minutes; some, called bolides, explode with a loud thunderous sound.

Those who missed to see the mesmerising 'Leonids' meteor showers yesterday (Nov. 16), make sure to catch them today and tomorrow (Nov. 17 and 18). This year, meteor showers will be moderately good as it will be quite free from Full Moon, but the Moon will be waning gibbous this time. Leonid is a meteor shower known for its variable activity. The years around parent Comet 55P TEMPEL-TUTTLE returns gave considerable activity enhancements, sometimes up to stormy levels. Late autumn around Nov. 17, in the still, silent hours before dawn, dedicated meteor watchers have long kept a vigil. In the cold, early morning darkness the sky glimmers with a preview of early spring constellations.

The Leonid meteors at their peak are capable of producing the spectacular display of celestial fireworks known to man. For about an hour or so the heavens seem to burst open and pour forth a deluge of shooting stars. The Leonids are the swiftest of all shower meteors, at 40 to 44 miles per second — almost the highest theoretical speed for meteors belonging to the solar system — because their orbit runs nearly head-on to the Earth's. No Leonid has been known to escape entire vaporisation and reach the ground as a meteorite. Many are bright, some are fireballs; greenish or bluish; about two out of three leave trains, which can sometimes persist for five minutes or more!

The Leonids historically are active from Nov. 14 to 21. The source of the Leonids was first identified in 1866 by the Italian astronomer, Giovanni Virginio Schiaparelli (1835-1910). The annual meteor shower known as the Leonids happens every November and is one of the most famous of all meteor showers. The peak of the Leonid meteor shower will occur on the morning of Nov. 17.

Giovanni Virginio Schiaparelli

Usually, this meteor shower can be seen between 7 pm to 6 am in south-eastern direction. The Leonids are famous for attacking at various times in history. The first great meteor storm of modern times was nearly 200 years ago; it was the Leonid shower of November 1833. This famous shower had a major effect on the development of the scientific study of meteors. Prior to the Leonid storm of 1833, meteors were thought to be atmospheric phenomena, like rain or snow. In 1865, astronomers discovered a comet, which was named Comet Tempel-Tuttle for its discoverers.

The comet's orbit around the sun was found to be about 33 years. Some predicted that there would be another Leonid meteor storm in November 1866 — and so there was!

The shower has a peak every 33 years and can put on some very spectacular performances, such as back in 2001 with well over 300 meteors per hour. The Leonid Meteors are produced by debris from the Temple-Tuttle-55 Comet. Debris fields are created each time the comet passes close to the Sun.

Existing debris fields are slightly changed in their orbital trajectories by small orbit perturbations principally caused by the gravity fields of Jupiter and the sun and by heating from the sun. The 2020 Leonid meteor showers began to appear in early November. The comet takes just over 33 years to orbit the Sun. Its last perihelion (closest point to the sun) was February 28, 1998. Its next expected perihelion is on May 20, 2031.

Leonid activities are tracked very well with the use of meteor particles evolution modeling. Particles ejected by the comet form lengthy trails. One of the reasons is radiation pressure force, which acts parallel with gravitational forces. Gravitational force is dependent on a particle mass — it is proportional to the third power of particle radius.

The out crying radiation pressure is defined by the second power of particle radius. The spectator stands agape, his mind numbed, his eyes dazzled, and his soul thrilled by the sight of shooting stars appearing by the hundreds... perhaps even thousands per hour. Every year, as noted above, a scattered few Leonids can be seen. Do not forget to see to this meteor shower particularly on Nov. 17 and 18.

—Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna
Amateur Astronomer

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2020

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

Garrison well-tuned

Mysuru, Nov. 17- Following are the selections for the 2nd Day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here tomorrow (Nov. 18, 2020):

1.	2.00 PM	**THE KAKANAKOTE PLATE**
		1200 mts. - rated 00 to 25
		1. Run To Win 2. Time Always
2.	2.30 PM	**THE GREAT CHERISMA PLATE - DIV. II**
		1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45
		1. Scorpene 2. Wind Striker
3.	3.00 PM	**THE BIG DEAL PLATE - DIV. II**
		1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45
		1. Make My Way 2. Spiritual Force
4.	3.30 PM	**THE GREAT CHERISMA PLATE - DIV. I**
		1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45
		1. Standout 2. Country's Fame
5.	4.00 PM	**THE BIG DEAL PLATE - DIV. I**
		1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45
		1. King's Command 2. Yaadein
6.	4.30 PM	**THE WYNAD PLATE**
		1400 mts. - rated 60 and above
		1. Garrison 2. Brabourne
7.	5.00 PM	**THE MANASAGANGOTRI PLATE**
		1400 mts - rated 40 to 65
		1. Notting Hill 2. Hukum

DAY'S BEST: *NOTTING HILL*
DOUBLE : *1. STANDOUT 2. GARRISON*
JACKPOT: *4, 5, 6, 7, 8*
I - TREBLE: *2, 3, 4* ***II - TREBLE:*** *5, 6, 7*
EXACTAS: *6, 7*

—Tipster PGC

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	(S-1)	4.30 pm, 7.00 pm
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Shivarjuna (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Ek Tha Tiger (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Sultan (H)	(S-2)	7.20 pm
Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (H)	(S-3)	11.50 am, 7.40 pm
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	(S-2)	5.20 pm, 8.55 pm
Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (H)	(S-3)	10.55 am
Ek Tha Tiger (H)	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Dia (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Irandam Kuththu (Ta)	(S-2)	10.45 am
	(S-3)	6.05 pm
Biskoth (Ta)	(S-3)	3.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

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